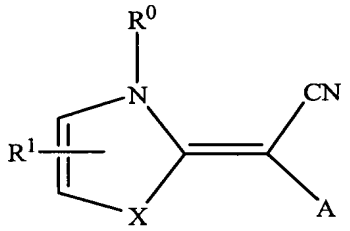
IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An azole ~~derivative~~ compound according to formula (I),



(I)

a tautomer thereof, a geometrical isomer thereof, an optically active form thereof as an enantiomer thereof, a a diastereomer thereof, a racemate form thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein

X is [[O,]] S ~~or NR^0~~;

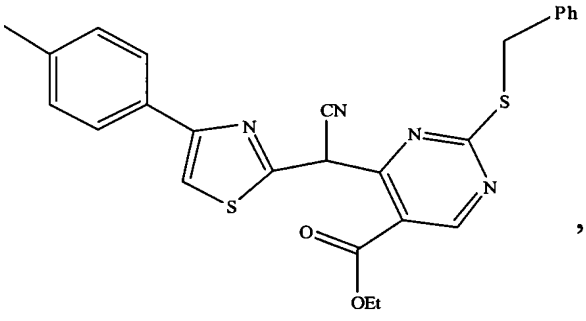
A is ~~a 2-pyridyl, 3-pyridyl, 4-pyridyl, a pyridazinyl,~~ a pyrimidinyl, ~~a pyrazinyl or a triazinyl group wherein each group~~ which may be substituted with 1, 2 or 3 moieties R^2 and/or fused with an aryl or a heteroaryl group;

R^0 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_2-C_6-alkenyl, C_2-C_6-alkynyl, C_1-C_6-alkyl-aryl, aryl, heteroaryl, C_1-C_6-alkyl-heteroaryl, -C(O)-OR^5, -C(O)-R^5, -C(O)-$NR^5R^{5'}$, and -$(SO_2)R^5$, wherein R^5 and $R^{5'}$, being independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_2-C_6 alkenyl, C_2-C_6 alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, C_1-C_6-alkyl aryl, and C_1-C_6-alkyl heteroaryl;

R^1 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_2-C_6-alkenyl, C_2-C_6-alkynyl, C_1-C_6-alkoxy, C_1-C_6-sulfanyl, primary, secondary or tertiary amino groups, aminoacyl, aminocarbonyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxycarbonyl, C_3-C_8-cycloalkyl, C_3-C_8 heterocycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, carboxyl, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, ~~sulfinyl, sulfonyl,~~ sulfonamide and hydrazide;

R^2 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, sulfonyl, amino, C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_2-C_6-alkenyl, and C_2-C_6-alkynyl, wherein said alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl chains may be interrupted by a heteroatom selected from the group consisting of N, O, S, aryl, heteroaryl, saturated or unsaturated 3-8-membered cycloalkyl, and heterocycloalkyl, wherein said cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl groups may be fused with 1-2 further cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl group, an acyl moiety, C_1-C_6-alkyl aryl, C_1-C_6-alkyl heteroaryl, C_1-C_6-alkenyl aryl, C_1-C_6-alkenyl heteroaryl, C_1-C_6-alkynyl aryl, C_1-C_6-alkynyl heteroaryl, C_1-C_6-alkyl cycloalkyl, C_1-C_6-alkyl heterocycloalkyl, C_1-C_6-alkenyl cycloalkyl, C_1-C_6-alkenyl heterocycloalkyl, C_1-C_6-alkynyl cycloalkyl, C_1-C_6-alkynyl heterocycloalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, C_1-C_6-alkyl carboxy, C_1-C_6-alkyl acyl, aryl acyl, heteroaryl acyl, C_3-C_8-(hetero)cycloalkyl acyl, C_1-C_6-alkyl acyloxy, C_1-C_6-alkyl alkoxy, C_1-C_6-alkyl alkoxycarbonyl, C_1-C_6-alkyl aminocarbonyl, C_1-C_6-alkyl acylamino, acylamino, C_1-C_6-alkyl ureido, C_1-C_6-alkyl carbamate, C_1-C_6-alkyl amino, C_1-C_6-alkyl ammonium, C_1-C_6-alkyl sulfonyloxy, C_1-C_6-alkyl sulfonyl, C_1-C_6-alkyl sulfinyl, C_1-C_6-alkyl sulfanyl, C_1-C_6-alkyl sulfonylamino, C_1-C_6-alkyl aminosulfonyl, hydroxy or halogen,

wherein the following compounds are excluded:



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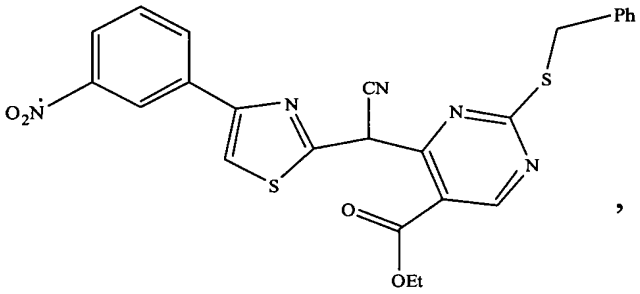

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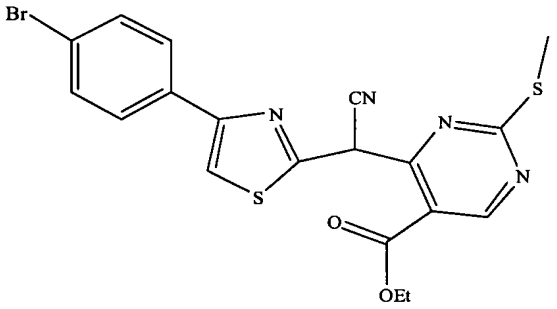

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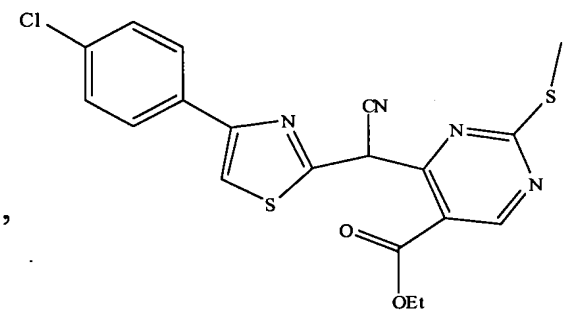

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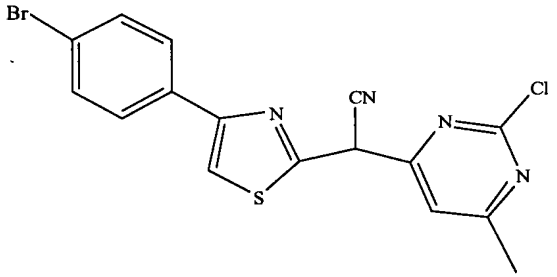

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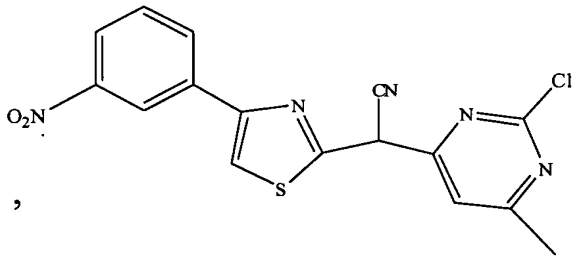

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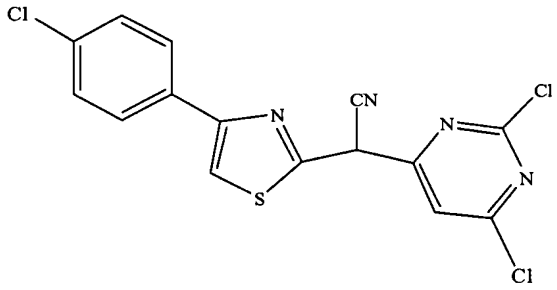

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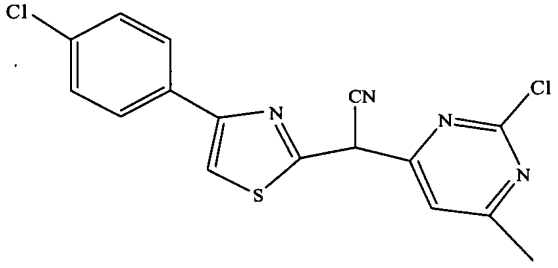

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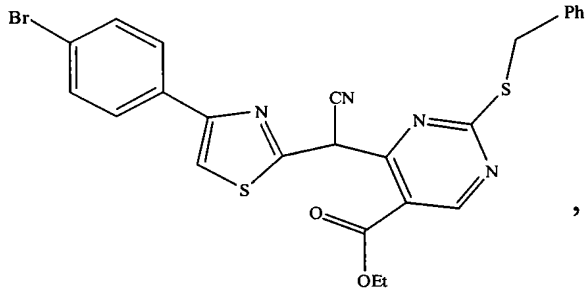

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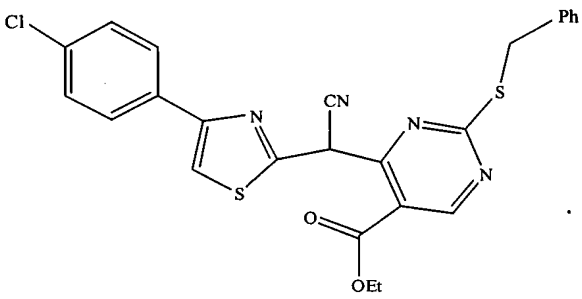

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Claim 2 (Cancelled).

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The azole ~~derivative~~ compound according to claim 1 wherein R^0 is hydrogen.

Claim 4 (Cancelled).

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The azole ~~derivative~~ compound according to claim 1 wherein R^2 is $-NHR^4$, with R^4 being a straight or branched C_1-C_6 alkyl which may be substituted by C_3-C_8-cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, amino, alkoxycarbonyl, acylamino, or diacylamino.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The azole ~~derivative~~ compound according to claim 5 wherein R^4 is a straight or branched C_2-C_4 alkyl group substituted with a heteroaryl or heterocycloalkyl group.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The azole ~~derivative~~ compound according to claim 6 wherein said heteroaryl or heterocycloalkyl group is selected from the group consisting of a pyridyl, triazolyl and 2-pyrrolidinone.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The azole ~~derivative~~ compound according to claim 1 wherein R^1 is (C_3-C_8)-cycloalkyl, (C_3-C_8)-heterocycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl group which may be substituted with at least one moiety selected from the group consisting of C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_2-C_6-alkenyl, C_2-C_6-alkynyl, C_1-C_6-alkoxy, C_1-C_6-sulfanyl, primary, secondary or tertiary amino groups, acylamino, aminocarbonyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxycarbonyl, C_3-C_8-cycloalkyl, C_3-C_8 heterocycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, carboxy, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, sulfinyl, sulfonyl, sulfonamide and hydrazide.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The azole ~~derivative~~ compound according to claim 8 wherein R^1 is a phenyl or phenyl which is substituted by straight or branched C_1-C_6 alkyl or halogen or R^1 is a straight or branched C_1-C_6 alkyl.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The azole ~~derivative~~ compound according to claim 1 wherein R^1 is (C_3-C_8)-cycloalkyl, (C_3-C_8)-heterocycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl group which may be substituted with at least one moiety selected from the group consisting of C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_2-C_6-alkenyl, C_2-C_6-alkynyl, C_1-C_6-alkoxy, C_1-C_6-sulfanyl, primary, secondary or tertiary amino groups, aminoacyl, aminocarbonyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxycarbonyl, C_3-C_8-cycloalkyl, C_3-C_8 heterocycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, carboxyl, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, sulfinyl, sulfonyl, sulfonamide and hydrazide, A is a pyrimidinyl group ~~which may be~~ substituted by halogen or -NHR^4 with R^4 being a straight or branched C_1-C_6 alkyl in which said alkyl is substituted with C_3-C_8-cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl straight or branched C_1-C_6 alkyl group substituted with a heteroaryl group and R^0 is hydrogen.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The azole ~~derivative~~ compound according to claim 10 wherein R^1 is a phenyl group which may be substituted with straight or branched C_1-C_6 alkyl or halogen, X is S, A is a pyrimidinyl group ~~which may be~~ substituted by -NHR^4 with R^4 being a straight or branched C_2-C_4 alkyl wherein said alkyl is substituted with a pyridyl group and R^0 is hydrogen.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): An azole ~~derivative~~ compound according to claim 1, selected from the group consisting of

(2-chloropyrimidin-4-yl)-(4-ethyl-3H-thiazol-2ylidene)-acetonitrile,

[4-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene](2-chloropyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile,

(2-chloropyrimidin-4-yl)(4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

(2-chloropyrimidin-4-yl)(4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

(2-chloropyrimidin-4-yl)[4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene]acetonitrile

ethyl-2-[(2-chloropyrimidin-4-yl)(cyano)methylene]-2,3-dihydro-1,3-thiazole-4-carboxylate,

methyl-2-[(2-chloropyrimidin-4-yl)(cyano)methylene]-2,3-dihydro-1,3-thiazole-4-carboxylate,

(2-chloropyrimidin-4-yl)[4-(3-methoxyphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl]acetonitrile,

(2-chloropyrimidin-4-yl)[4-(2-methoxyphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene]acetonitrile,

(2-chloropyrimidin-4-yl)[4-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene]acetonitrile,

(2-chloro-5-methylpyrimidin-4-yl)(4-ethyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

(2-chloropyrimidin-4-yl)[4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene]acetonitrile,

(2-chloropyrimidin-4-yl)[4-(4-methylphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene]acetonitrile,

(4-{[3-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)propyl]amino}pyrimidin-2-yl)(4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

4-{2-[(2-chloropyrimidin-4-yl)(cyano)methylene]-2,3-dihydro-1,3-thiazol-4-yl}benzonitrile,

[4-(2-chlorophenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene](2-chloropyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile,

[4-(3-chlorophenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene](2-chloropyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile,

(2-chloropyrimidin-4-yl)[4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene]acetonitrile,

(2-chloropyrimidin-4-yl)[4-(pentafluoroethyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene]acetonitrile,

(2-chloro-5-methylpyrimidin-4-yl)(4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

(4-tert-butyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)(2-chloro-5-methylpyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile,

(4-tert-butyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)(2-chloropyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile,

(2-chloropyrimidin-4-yl)(4-isopropyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

(2-chloro-5-methylpyrimidin-4-yl)[4-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene]acetonitrile,

~~(4-chloro-6-morpholin-4-yl-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl)(4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,~~

~~[4-chloro-6-(dimethylamino)-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl](4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,~~

~~[4-chloro-6-(methylamino)-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl](4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,~~

(2-chloro-6-methylpyrimidin-4-yl)(4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

(2-chloro-5-methylpyrimidin-4-yl)(4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

(6-chloropyrimidin-4-yl)(4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

~~[4-chloro-6-(methylamino)-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl](4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,~~

(2-chloro-6-methylpyrimidin-4-yl)(4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

{2-chloro-6-[methyl(phenyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}(4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

~~(4-chloro-6-morpholin-4-yl-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl)(4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,~~

(4-ethyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)(2-{[3-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)propyl]amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile,

[4-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene]{2-[(2-pyridin-3-ylethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}acetonitrile,

(4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene){2-[(2-pyridin-3-ylethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}acetonitrile,

{2-[(3-aminopropyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}(4-ethyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

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{2-[(3-aminopropyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}(4-ethyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

{2-[(3-aminopropyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}(4-tert-butyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

ethyl-2-[cyano(2-{[3-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)propyl]amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)methylene]-2,3-dihydro-1,3-thiazole-4-carboxylate,

(4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene){2-[(2-pyridin-3-ylethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}acetonitrile,

4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene]{2-[(2-pyridin-3-ylethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}acetonitrile,

2-[cyano(2-{[3-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)propyl]amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)methylene]-2,3-dihydro-1,3-thiazole-4-carboxylic acid,

methyl-2-[cyano(2-{[3-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)propyl]amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)methylene]-2,3-dihydro-1,3-thiazole-4-carboxylate,

methyl-2-(cyano{2-[(2-pyridin-3-ylethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}methylene)-2,3-dihydro-1,3-thiazole-4-carboxylate,

[2-(cyclopropylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl](4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

4-[2-({4-[cyano(4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)methyl]pyrimidin-2-yl}amino)ethyl]benzenesulfonamide,

[4-(pentafluoroethyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene]{2-[(2-pyridin-3-ylethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}acetonitrile,

[2-(cyclopropylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl][4-(pentafluoroethyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene]acetonitrile,

(2-{[3-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)propyl]amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)(4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

(4-ethyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene){2-[(2-pyridin-3-ylethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}acetonitrile,

[4-(3-methoxyphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene]{2-[(2-pyridin-3-ylethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}acetonitrile,

[4-(3-methoxyphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene](2-{[3-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)propyl]amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile,

methyl 4-[2-({4-[cyano(4-ethyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)methyl]pyrimidin-2-yl}amino)ethyl]benzoate,

6-{[2-({4-[-cyano(4-ethyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)methyl]pyrimidin-2-yl)amino)ethyl]amino}nicotinonitrile,

[2-({2-[6-(dimethylamino)pyridin-3-yl]ethyl}amino)pyrimidin-4-yl](4-ethyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

4- [2-({4-[cyano(4-ethyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)methyl]pyrimidin-2-yl}amino)ethyl]benzenesulfonamide,

(2-{[2-(4-aminophenyl)ethyl]amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)(4-ethyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

(4-ethyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)(2-{[2-(6-morpholin-4-ylpyridin-3-yl)ethyl]amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile,

(4-ethyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3 H)-ylidene)[2-({2-[6-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)pyridin-3-yl]ethyl}amino)pyrimidin-4-yl]acetonitrile,

[2-(cyclopropylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl](4-ethyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

[4-(2-methoxyphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene]{2-[(2-pyridin-3-ylethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}acetonitrile,

[4-(2-methoxyphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene](2-{[3-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)propyl]amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile,

[4-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene]{2-[(2-pyridin-3-ylethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}acetonitrile,

[4-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene](2-{[3-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)propyl]amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile,

(4-ethyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene){5-methyl-2-[(2-pyridin-3-ylethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}acetonitrile,

(4-ethyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)(5-methyl-2-{[3-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)propyl]amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile,

[2-(cyclopropylamino)-5-methylpyrimidin-4-yl](4-ethyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

(4-ethyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene){2-[(3-pyrrolidin-1-ylpropyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}acetonitrile,

[2-({2-[(5-nitropyridin-2-yl)amino]ethyl}amino)pyrimidin-4-yl](4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

6-{[2-({4-[cyano(4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)methyl]pyrimidin-2-yl}amino)ethyl]amino}nicotinonitrile,

tert-butyl 4-({4-[cyano(4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)methyl]pyrimidin-2-yl}amino)butanoate,

[4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene](2-{[3-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)propyl]amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile,

(4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)(2-{[3-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)propyl]amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile,

(4-tert-butyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)(2-{[3-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)propyl]amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile,

(4-tert-butyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene){2-[(2-pyridin-3-ylethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}acetonitrile,

(4-tert-butyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)[2-(cyclohexylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl]acetonitrile,

(4-tert-butyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)[2-(cyclopropylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl]acetonitrile,

[4-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene](2-{[3-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)propyl]amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile,

[4-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene][2-(cyclopropylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl]acetonitrile,

[4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene](2-{[3-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)propyl]amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile,

[4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene]{2-[(2-pyridin-3-ylethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}acetonitrile,

[2-(cyclopropylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl][4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene]acetonitrile,

[4-(4-methylphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene](2-{[3-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)propyl]amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile,

[4-(4-methylphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene]{2-[(2-pyridin-3-ylethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}acetonitrile,

[2-(cyclopropylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl][4-(4-methylphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene]acetonitrile,

{2-[(3-aminopropyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}(4-tert-butyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

{2-[(2-aminoethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}(4-tert-butyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetortitrile,

{2-[(piperidin-4-yl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}(4-ethyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

methyl N-{4-[(4-tert-butyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)(cyano)methyl]pyrimidin-2-yl}-beta-alaninate,

(2-{[3-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)propyl]amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)[4-(pentafluoroethyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene]acetonitrile,

{5-methyl-2-[(2-pyridin-3-ylethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}(4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

(5-methyl-2-{[3-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)propyl]amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)(4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

[2-(cyclopropylamino)-5-methylpyrimidin-4-yl](4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

(4-tert-butyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene){5-methyl-2-[(2-pyridin-3-ylethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}acetonitrile,

(4-tert-butyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)(5-methyl-2-{[3-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)propyl]amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile,

(4-tert-butyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)[2-(cyclopropylamino)-5-methylpyrimidin-4-yl]acetonitrile,

(4-tert-butyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)(5-methyl-2-{[3-(1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)propyl]amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile,

N-[3-({4-[(4-tert-butyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)(cyano)methyl]pyrimidin-2-yl}amino)propyl]-2-ethoxy-N-glycoloylacetamide,

N-[3-({4-[cyano(4-isopropyl 1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)methyl]pyrimidin-2-yl} amino)propyl]-2-ethoxy-N-glycoloylacetamide,

[2-(cyclohexylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl](4-ethyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

[2-(cyclopentylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl](4-ethyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

(4-ethyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)[2-(isobutylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl]acetonitrile,

(4-tert-butyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)(2-{[3-(lH-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)propyl]amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile,

(4-isopropyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)(2-{[3-(2-oxopyrrolidin-l-yl)propyl]amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile,

(4-isopropyl- 1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene){2-[(2-pyridin-3-ylethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}acetonitrile,

[2-(cyclopropylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl](4-isopropyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

methyl 4-({4-[(4-tert-butyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)(cyano)methyl]pyrimidin-2-yl} amino)butanoate,

4-{2-[cyano(2-{[3-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)propyl]amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)methylene]-2,3-dihydro-1,3-thiazol-4-yl}benzonitrile,

4-[2-(cyano{2-[(2-pyridin-3-ylethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}methylene)-2,3-dihydro-1,3-thiazol-4-yl]benzonitrile,

4-(2-{cyano[2-(cyclopropylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl]methylene}-2,3-dihydro-1,3-thiazol-4-yl)benzonitrile,

[4-(2-chlorophenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene](2-{ [3-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)propyl]amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile,

[4-(3-chlorophenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene](2-{[3-(2-oxopyrrolidin- 1-yl)propyl]amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile,

[4-(3-chlorophenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene]{2-[(2-pyridin-3-ylethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}acetonitrile,

[4-(2-chlorophenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene]{2-[(2-pyridin-3-ylethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}acetonitrile,

[2-(cyclopropylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl][4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene]acetonitrile,

[4-(2-chlorophenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene][2-(cyclopropylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl]acetonitrile,

N-[3-({4-[cyano(4-ethyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)methyl]pyrimidin-2-yl} amino)propyl]acetamide,

N-[2-({4-[(4-tert-butyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)(cyano)methyl]pyrimidin-2-yl}amino)ethyl]acetamide,

{2-[(1-acetylpiperidin-4-yl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}(4-ethyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

(4-tert-butyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-yl idene)(2-{[3-(2,5-dioxopyrrolidin-1-yl)propyl]amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile,

(2-{[3-(2,5-dioxopyrrolidin-1-yl)propyl]amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)(4-ethyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

(4-ethyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)(2-{[1-(methylsulfonyl)piperidin-4-yl]amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile trifluoroacetate,

N~3~-{4-[(4-tert-butyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)(cyano)methyl]pyrimidin-2-yl}-N~1~,N~1~-dimethyl-beta-alaninamide,

N-{3-[{4-[(4-tert-butyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)(cyano)methyl]pyrimidin-2-yl}(methyl)amino]propyl}acetamide,

N-[3-({4-[(4-tert-butyl-3-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)(cyano)methyl]pyrimidin-2-yl}amino)propyl]acetamide,

(4-ethyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)(2-{[4-(morpholin-4-ylmethyl)benzyl]oxy}pyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile,

{2-[3-(dimethylamino)propoxy]pyrimidin-4-yl}(4-ethyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

[4-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene]{5-methyl-2-[(3-pyrrolidin-1-ylpropyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}acetonitrile,

[4-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene]{2-[(3-pyrrolidin-1-ylpropyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}acetonitrile,

~~[4-(dimethylamino)-6-(octahydroquinolin-1(2H)-yl)-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl](4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,~~

[2-(cyclohexylamino)-5-methylpyrimidin-4-yl](4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

[2-(cyclohexylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl](4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

~~[4-(methylamino)-6-(4-methylpiperidin-1-yl)-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl](4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,~~

~~[4-(cyclohexylamino)-6-(methylamino)-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl](4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,~~

[5-methyl-2-(4-methylpiperidin-1-yl)pyrimidin-4-yl](4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

[2-(cyclopropylamino)-5-methylpyrimidin-4-yl](4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

[2-(cyclopropylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl](4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

[2-(cyclopentylamino)-5-methylpyrimidin-4-yl](4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

{5-methyl-2-[(1-methylbutyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}(4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

[2-(cyclopentylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl](4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

{5-methyl-2-[(3-pyrrolidin-1-ylpropyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}(4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

{2-[(1-methylbutyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}(4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

{6-[(2-furylmethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl)(4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

[6-(4-ethylpiperazin-1-yl)pyrimidin-4-yl](4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

(4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene){2-[(3-pyrrolidin-1-ylpropyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}acetonitrile,

[2-(cyclopentylamino)-6-methylpyrimidin-4-yl](4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

~~[4-(4-ethylpiperazin-1-yl)-6-morpholin-4-yl-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl](4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,~~

{2-[(cyclohexylmethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}(4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

{2-[(cyclohexylmethyl)amino]-5-methylpyrimidin-4-yl}(4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

[2-(4-ethylpiperazin-1-yl)-5-methylpyrimidin-4-yl](4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

~~[4-(cyclopentylamino)-6-(methylamino)-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl](4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,~~

~~[4-(cyclopropylamino)-6-morpholin-4-yl-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl](4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,~~

~~[4-(cyclopropylamino)-6-(methylamino)-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl](4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,~~

~~[4-(cyclopropylamino)-6-(methylamino)-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl](4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitiile,~~

[2-(1,4-dioxa-8-azaspiro[4.5]dec-8-yl)-5-methylpyrimidin-4-yl](4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

(5-methyl-2-{[3-(1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)propyl]amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)(4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

{2-[(1,4-dimethylpentyl)amino]-5-methylpyrimidin-4-yl}(4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

(5-methyl-2-{[2-(1H-pyrazol-1-yl)ethyl]amino)pyrimidin-4-yl)(4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

(4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)(2-{[3-(1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)propyl]amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile,

(4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)(2-{[2-(1H-pyrazol-1-yl)ethyl]amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile,

[2-(dipropylamino)-5-methylpyrimidin-4-yl](4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

{2-[(1,4-dimethylpentyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}(4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

[2-(methylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl](4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

~~[4-[(1,4-dimethylpentyl)amino]-6-(methylamino)-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl](4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,~~

~~[4-{[(6-aminopyridin-3-yl)methyl]amino}-6-(methylamino)-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl](4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,~~

[2-(methylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl](4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

[2-(cyclopentylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl](4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

[2-(cyclohexylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl](4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

{2-[(1-methylbutyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}(4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

[2-(cyclopentylamino)-6-methylpyrimidin-4-yl](4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

{2-[(cyclohexylmethyl)aanino]pyrimidin-4-yl}(4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

{6-[methyl(phenyl)amino]-2-[(2-pyridin-3-ylethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}(4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

{2-[(2,3-dimethylcyclohexyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}(4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

(4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene){2-[(pyridin-3-ylmethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}acetonitrile,

{6-methyl-2-[(2-pyridin-2-ylethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}(4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

[2-(isopropylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl](4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

{2-[(1,2-dimethylpropyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}(4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

(4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene){2-[4-(pyrimidin-2-ylamino)piperidin-1-yl]pyrimidin-4-yl}acetonitrile,

{2-[(1-ethylpropyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}(4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

{2-[(3-butoxypropyl)amino]-6-[methyl(phenyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}(4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

~~{4-[(3-butoxypropyl)amino]-6-morpholin-4-yl-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl}(4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,~~

{2-(isopropylamino)-6-[methyl(phenyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}(4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitiile,

{2-[(3-isopropoxypropyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}(4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

[4-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene][2-(cyclopropylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl]acetonitrile,

[4-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene][2-(cyclopentylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl]acetonitrile, and

[4-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene]{2-[(cyclohexylmethyl)amino]-5-yl]acetonitrile.

Claim 13 (Cancelled).

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): A method for treating ~~at least one disease selected from the group consisting of neurodegenerative diseases, neuronal disorders, epilepsy, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, retinal diseases, spinal cord injury, head trauma, mood disorders, multiple sclerosis or amyotrophic lateral sclerosis,~~ diabetes[[,]] or obesity~~, asthma, septic shock, transplant rejection, cerebrovascular accident, glaucoma, cardiovascular diseases, stroke, arteriosclerosis, myocardial infarction, myocardial reperfusion injury, ischemic disorders, cancer and inflammatory diseases, arteriosclerosis, arthritis, Inflammatory Bowel Disease and rheumatoid arthritis~~, said method comprising administering said azole ~~derivative~~ compound according to claim 1 to a patient in need thereof in an amount sufficient to treat diabetes or obesity in the patient ~~said at least one disease~~.

Claim 15 (Cancelled).

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 14 wherein ~~said at least one disease is diabetes, or~~ obesity is treated.

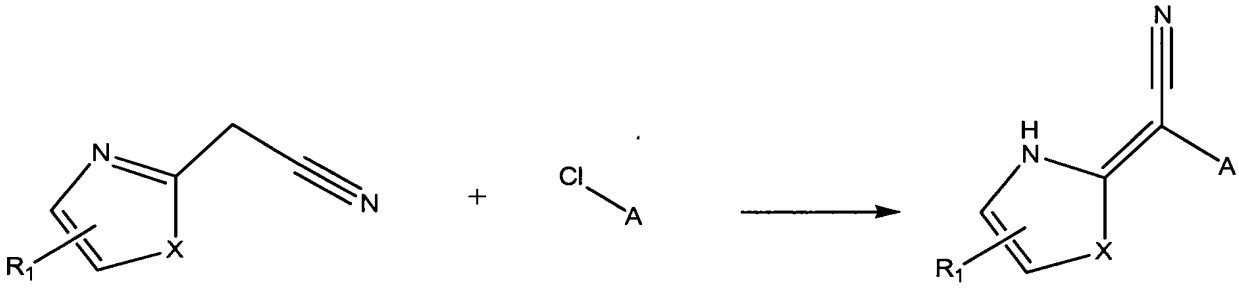
Claim 17 (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 14 wherein ~~said at least one disease is~~ diabetes is treated ~~selected from the group consisting of asthma, septic shock, transplant rejection, cerebrovascular accident, glaucoma, cardiovascular diseases, stroke, arteriosclerosis, myocardial infarction, myocardial reperfusion injury, ischemia,~~

~~cancer, inflammatory diseases, atherosclerosis, arthritis, Inflammatory Bowel Disease and rheumatoid arthritis~~.

Claims 18-21 (Cancelled)

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): A pharmaceutical composition comprising at least one azole ~~derivative~~ compound according to claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent or excipient.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): A method of preparing the azole ~~derivative~~ compound according to claim 1, comprising reacting the compound of formula II with the compound of formula III:

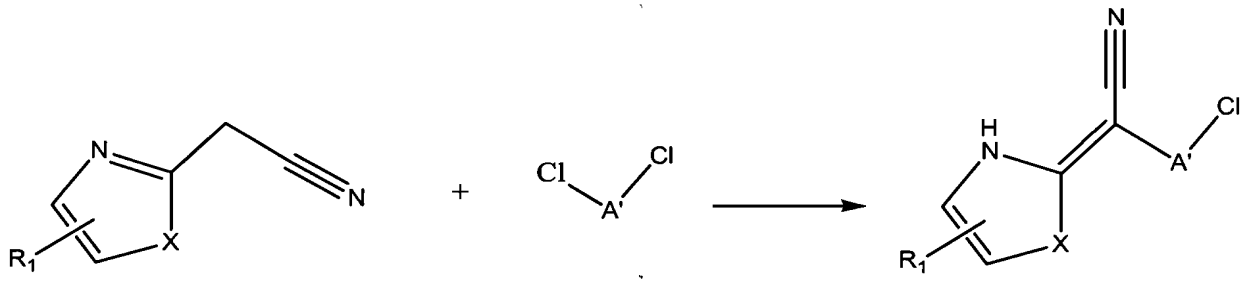


II III I

wherein X, A, and R_1 have the same meanings as in claim 1.

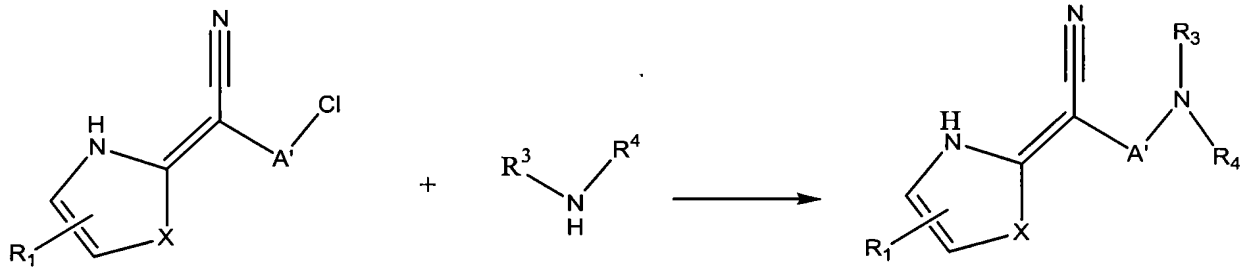
Claim 24 (Currently Amended): A method of preparing the azole derivative according to claim 1, comprising

reacting the compound of formula II with the compound of formula III' to obtain a compound of formula II'; and



II III' II'

reacting the compound of formula II' with the compound of formula IV;

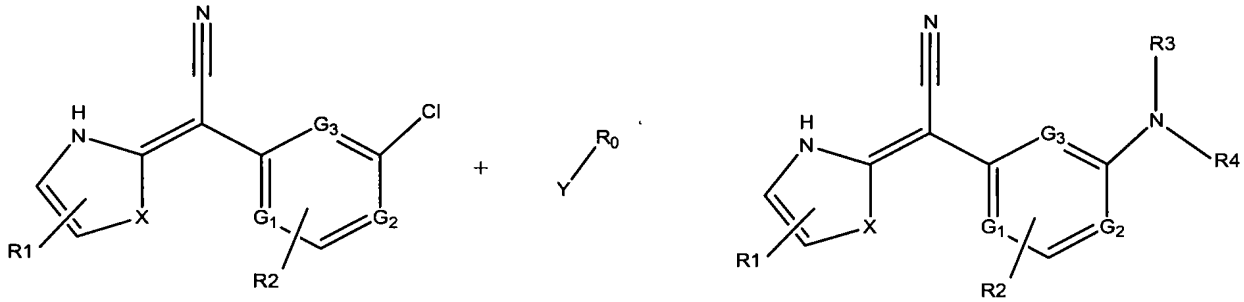


II' IV I

[A' = A'a, A'b, A'c, A'd]

~~wherein A is a pyrimidinyl group~~ wherein X, A, and R_1 have the same meanings as in claim 1.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): A method of preparing the azole ~~derivative~~ compound according to claim 1, comprising reacting a compound of formula II'a with a compound of formula V:



II'a V Ie

~~wherein A is a pyrimidinyl group,~~ wherein X, A, and R_1 have the same meanings as in claim 1 and Y is an electrophile group.

Claim 26 (Previously Presented): The method according to Claim 16, wherein ~~said at least one disease is~~ diabetes is treated, which ~~and~~ is type II diabetes.